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**COVER PIC:** No one wants to be in the way when Col Curran takes a free-kick. Jim Campbell, of Heidelberg United, shows this to be so in a recent match at the International Sports Centre. Peter Tredinnick looks on.

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The ground at Richlands would be the envy of any Sydney club. Its training facilities are better than anything anywhere else in Australia. They have lights which are satisfactory for night matches and there is plenty of land for future development.

A pity then that the club has made such heavy weather of its sojourn in the Philips Soccer League of Australia. Matt Carson became Lions' sixth coaching appointment when he took over from Eddie Spearritt a few weeks back.

When Newcastle United travelled to Brisbane on May 6 they were beaten three nil by a Tony Brennan hat trick. It is Brennan's tremendous speed which makes him one of Australia's most dangerous forwards. Unfortunately for his club and perhaps fortunately for Newcastle Tony hasn't been taking his chances as well as he did in the early part of the season. In the nil nil draw with arch rivals, Brisbane City, his shooting let him down badly.

Tony Brennan has the advantage of feeding off Barrie Fairbrother who gets up high after the aerial ball and directs it down very competently. It was a Fairbrother header that gave Lions their draw with Newcastle at Macquarie Field last year after the home side had led two nil for much of the second half. It was in that same match that Ken Boden was awarded a penalty and the word was put out that he was an expert diver.

Let's hope this match won't be decided on penalties. There are too many good players on both sides for that to be necessary.

The likely Brisbane Lions combination is Nigel Lowndes in goal; Wallace, Lawrie, Levelle and Bennett across the back; Hermiston, Ogden and Hughes in midfield; and Brennan, Fairbrother and Ontong up front.

Jim Hermiston, like Dixie Deans, is a legendary Scots footballer. The difference is that Deans is a striker while Jim Hermiston likes to create. But don't give him a lot of room within thirty metres of the goals because he can really hit a ball. Until recently Jim was rightly regarded as a top central defender but new coach, Matt Carson, has felt it necessary to use him further forward.

Still in the central defence is Col Curran's old mate, Col Bennett, the fitness fanatic who drives himself tirelessly in an effort to be at his best. With legs like tree trunks Col is a formidable barrier to enemy onslaughts. He tackles hard and often very much in the style of the notable Manfred Schaefer, his predecessor in the Socceroo stopper position.

Lions were a little unlucky not to have beaten Brisbane City at their last local derby encounter so there is no reason why they should be written off as easy-beats. Watch them closely as our boys will need to do.



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Alan Vest

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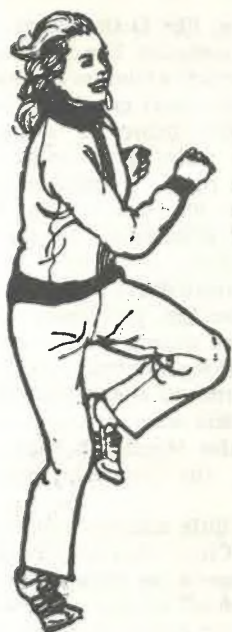
This great game of soccer of ours has its disappointments and elations and we've experienced both within one week. It's always agonising for everyone connected with a club to lose a semi-final and to go out on penalties is even worse. But the lads performed with credit and deserved better and just a final brief word on the penalties. We knew who would take the penalties, I admire players who want to in that situation and I understand players who don't. I would never expose players to do that job if they don't feel confident and particularly in front of 15,000 people.

After such bitter disappointment it's always hard to lift players performances for the next game and it looked as though we really felt sorry for ourselves in the first half at Canberra. However in the second half we did to Canberra what we have threatened to do to a lot of teams this season and that's knocking the goals in. It was a tremendous second half performance and was just reward for those players and hundreds of wonderful fans who made the trip to Canberra.

I don't want to single players out because it was a team performance at its best, but it was tremendous to see young players like Malcolm McClelland powering his way through up front and Joe Senkalski and Peter Tredinnick powering forward as well as doing their defensive duties. Kenny Boden's second half performance also saw him back to the player we know he is.

Well it's back home again today and despite their lowly position at the moment Brisbane Lions have some top players. They beat us with ease earlier in the season and with a recent new coach have started consolidating again. It will be hard, make no doubt about that, so we're looking for more of that great support and I'm sure the lads will respond.

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Arms outstretched, Jim Campbell, of Heidelberg United, seems to be warding off Arno Bertogna's impending tackle.



# PLAYER PROFILE



## *This Week:* **IAN SEDDON**

**POSITION:** Midfield.  
**SHIRT No.:** 8.  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 14/10/50.  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Prestbury, Cheshire England.  
**STAR SIGN:** Libra.  
**HEIGHT:** 5' 9½".  
**WEIGHT:** 11 stone.  
**HAIR COLOUR:** Dark brown.  
**EYES:** Blue.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Married to Pauline, two boys Lee Grant 3, Jamie 3 weeks.  
**TRANSPORT:** '230 bus'.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Bolton, Chester, Cambridge.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER:** Gunther Netzer.  
**FAVOURITE SPORTSMAN:** Greg Chappell.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** 1974 and 78 Dutch World Cup Teams.  
**GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Father.  
**AMBITIONS:** Family health and happiness, enjoy life.  
**GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:** English League Cup Semi-final v A. Villa. Promotion with Bolton, Chester and Cambridge.  
**GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing 2nd leg of L.C. Semi-final with injury.  
**HOBBIES:** Cricket, gardening.  
**FAVOURITE RELAXATION:** Playing with Lee.  
**FAVOURITE ENTERTAINERS:** James Coburn, Edward Fox, 'Chicken George'.  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Jimmy Ruffin, Credence Clear Water Revival, E.L.O.  
**PET HATES:** Injuries, con-men.  
**PET LIKES:** Good company, soccer players 'Mickey taking humour'.



## SUPERMAC CALLS IT A DAY

It was a sorry day for English Soccer when Malcolm Macdonald, known to enthusiasts the length and breadth of the land as 'Supermac' because of his great ability, had to call it a day before the start of the new UK season.

He surrendered after a year-long battle against a serious knee injury and announced his retirement from the game he played so well.

The 29-year-old Macdonald had three operations on his knee during the last year and then accepted, although most reluctantly, the advice of a specialist to stop playing.

He attempted a comeback late last season but broke down recently in pre-season training. That convinced him that his playing days had ended.

Macdonald began his illustrious career with Fulham as a full-back and then moved to Luton Town for a fee of \$34,000 and became an attacker, scoring 49 goals in 87 matches.

Newcastle United spent £180,000 (\$A360,000) for his transfer in 1971. He gave the club full value by scoring 95 goals in 186 matches. He became one of the United's most popular players and a drawcard wherever he went.

He moved to Arsenal in 1976 for a fee of £333,000 (\$A666,000) but after averaging a goal in every two matches, Supermac missed a number of fixtures because of trouble with his knee — and that was the beginning of the end for him.

He played in 14 international matches for England. A highlight of his career came in 1975 when he scored all of England's five goals against Cyprus at Wembley.

It is expected that Macdonald will go into the managerial side of football, a position for which he fitted himself by management studies while still one of England's top players.

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## A TALE OF TWO CITIES

*'It is a far, far better thing we do, than Australian soccer has ever done...'*

Since its inception, the Philips Soccer League has placed high on its list of priorities the encouragement of the development of soccer in areas where the code has shown all the potential for growth but where extra stimulus, initiative and enterprise have been demanded. The visit of Newcastle KB United gives us the opportunity today to reflect on the achievements by Newcastle and Canberra in the short history of the PSL.

Newcastle KB United entered the PSL competition in 1978. But the history of soccer in the Newcastle district is the history of the commencement in Australia of the round ball game on an organised competitive basis. The fact is that in 1880 the first organised soccer matches in Australia were held in Newcastle. Since that time, soccer has continued to prosper in the area, but it was obvious in recent years that an united effort was necessary to draw the various groups together in the district, in much the same way as Canberra City has become a focal point for soccer activity in the ACT. That move came at a meeting on 1 August 1977 at the International Sports Centre when the plans for the entry of Newcastle into the PSL were formulated. With its admission to the League has come for Newcastle what some people would describe as a fairytale adventure. But hard headed, experienced sports organisation operators know better, what we see in Newcastle is the result of sheer, hard slog and dedication to a cause. You only get out of something what you put into it. The success of Newcastle KB United is testimony of the herculean effort of administrators and supporters in the industrial capital of Australia.

Some facts about our visitors serve quickly to illustrate the achievements that are their proud record. Newcastle attracts the biggest PSL support. This season it has set an all time record attendance for an Australian PSL match. No fewer than 18,367 fans turned out to watch its clash against Sydney Olympic. At its match against Heidelberg United two weeks ago, Newcastle broke through the 100,000 attendance mark for the season and the 250,000th paying customer also passed through the gates. Striker Kenny Boden was last year voted the player of the year by the Soccer Writers Association. The team defeated Dundee, the touring Scottish first division side and an Australian XI. In both years it has reached the Philips Cup semi-final. How regrettable that Newcastle should have lost last week on penalties. Disruption to the season may be caused but for what it is worth I much favour a

replay in such an important competition. And just think, if Newcastle had won that match and the final had been played at the ISC, there is every reason to believe that a crowd of 20,000 would have been in attendance for the game.

From the above information which hardly starts to do justice to Newcastle's enterprise, many favourable comparisons can be drawn with Canberra's development. And when the respective populations are considered, the picture is not so bad for Canberra proportionately, despite the disappointing drop in attendances recently. Perhaps Sunday play next season, if that is possible, could be a major part of the solution. Two other points should be made about the sides. The first is the important reliance placed on young players by both teams. This has to a large extent been forced on the clubs by the very fact that they are starting from scratch. But what wonderful evidence they field today of the explosion that should take place in Australian soccer from its own sources in the next few years. Look at the under 19 internationals in the team squads today — Peter Tredinnick, Neal Endacott, Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Steve Hogg and Malcolm McClelland who almost made it to South America. Mike Boogaard and Brett Cowburn are two others to watch in the future. An advantage that Newcastle has had over Canberra City this year is that its team has been reasonably settled and not subject to the incursions of British players who have disrupted the build-up which any coach would seek to achieve through a season in his team.

And that leads to the second point. The quality of the coaches of the teams. In Alan Vest and Vic Fernandez, the two City teams have men of above average ability in manipulating and inspiring their teams to reach greater heights. It is one thing for a club to buy the best, and have a manager or coach who unites them using their undoubted and world recognised talents. It is quite another to be handed a bunch of raw recruits, interspersed with proven talent, and mould the mix into the formation that will achieve success in a competition such as the Philips League. In what they have achieved, both men deserve plaudits. The administrators behind them also are owed a debt by Australian Soccer — a debt which will not easily be repaid. The fortunate thing for Australian soccer is that the reward for these people is in what they achieve by their contribution to the game. With more of their ilk, Australian soccer not only *will* but *must* succeed.



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Congratulations to the Ian Seddon family on the arrival of another footballer in Australia. Jamie Seddon is only three weeks old but Ian is sure he's left-footed and that his peripheral vision is excellent. It's great to have something nice happen to the Seddons. Ian has been off the scene with a shredded achilles tendon since May 6 which just happened to be the first round match against Brisbane Lions.

★ ★ ★ ★  
By coincidence Kevan Keelan landed number thirteen when he turned up in mid-season. Kevan says he wasn't superstitious until he started wearing that number and found nothing would go right. Just to confirm his worst fears it is worth reporting that Kevan played his first match for the club in round thirteen. That was the match against Footscray in Melbourne. You guessed it; we lost 0-2.

★ ★ ★ ★  
The first bonus point for Newcastle was a long time coming. We came of age in round twenty-one. Now the points table reads the way you might expect it to. The top team has more bonus points than any other. Each of the top seven teams (half the total) has at least one bonus point. No team in the bottom half of the table has a bonus point.

★ ★ ★ ★  
For those supporters who wish to know details of tickets available for reserved seats in 1980 the club will be publishing a brochure. It will be available at each of our last two home games — Marconi on 8th September and Footscray on 22nd September. It could be worth your while to have a look at that brochure. It might save you some disappointment.

★ ★ ★ ★  
'Soccer Life', the glossy magazine you may have seen last year, is out again. A limited number of copies has been placed in the supporters' club caravan. It is good value. The co-editors are Ian Williamson of Newcastle and Steve Blatchford of the 'Australian'.

★ ★ ★ ★  
In our next issue we shall be publishing a resume of an article in the American soccer magazine, "Soccer Corner". The article deals with the effects of over-competition at junior level. In conjunction with this critique the club is running a competition for the best commentary by a reader. The prize will be a season ticket for 1980 and the entries will be judged by the editors of this programme.

★ ★ ★ ★  
Edgeworth has the N.N.S.W. Federation's first division premiership sewn up for the second year in succession with the loss of only one match in those two seasons. As you will see from the table on page seventeen the Eagles have scored sixty-two goals at an average of better than three a match. Leading scorer is David Kamasz, brother of Stuart and Stefan. He was a member of the same Under 16 Youth Squad as Joe Senkalski back in 1973. Naturally they won the National Championships.

★ ★ ★ ★  
"Soccer Action" last weekend carried a centre spread covering in pictorial form many of the transfers and exchanges which took place in England prior to the start of the 1979-80 season. The message is clear — Liverpool and Nottingham Forest will again be struggling for a share of the loot. If you haven't placed an order for "Soccer Action" yet why don't you speak to your local newsagent. Newcastle United has a page in each issue. If you don't see it weekly you are not as well informed as you might be.

★ ★ ★ ★  
Marconi has a slightly changed set of colours for their club strip. It is now: Emerald green shirt with single centre hoop — red trim — white shorts and socks with green and red trim. For that match Newcastle United will wear its gold strip. So get out your gold and red and black make-up, girls.

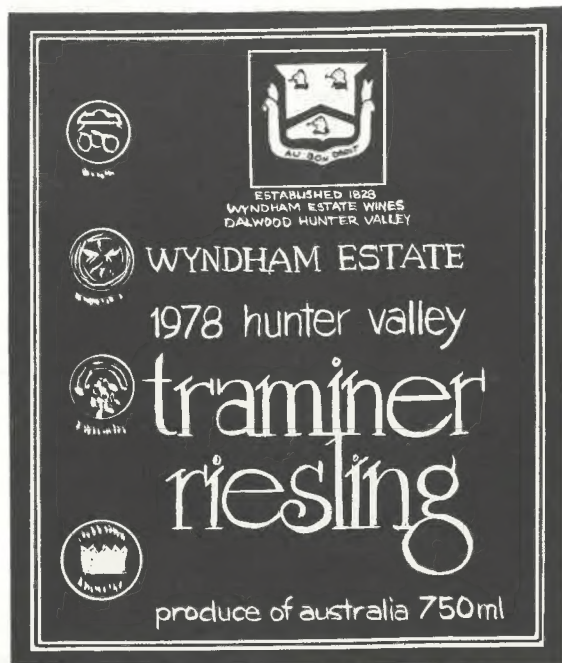
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★ ★ ★ ★  
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# CHRISTMAS PICNIC VOUCHER

## SUPPORTERS' NEWS

by O. Kovacs

### CHRISTMAS PICNIC:—

The soccer season is quickly surging towards the end. The Supporters' Club Committee have booked Speers Point Park for the 2nd December, 1979. We must have a Christmas picnic to break the monotony of that long off-season. We advise you to keep the above printed voucher for the picnic: you never know Santa may reward you for it.

Of course, our supporters were disappointed that United has not made the Cup Final, being beaten for the second time in the Clubs' two (2) year history in the Semi-Finals.

We congratulate St George on making the Final and if they win as Brisbane City did last year, we can claim that the team who defeated us in the semi-final was the ultimate Cup winner.

For those supporters' who travelled to Canberra, the Club has arranged with Channel 3 for a loan of the video of the Philips Cup semi-final and this will be shown at the International Sports Centre at 7.30pm next Tuesday, 28th August, 1979.

We hope also through the courtesy of CTC Channel 7, Canberra to have a video of the highlights of last Sunday's game which Newcastle United defeated Canberra 5-1 to take their first bonus point.

I think you better get your calendar in hand, because I am going to give you a couple of important dates and I hope that they won't be changed.

8th November, 1979 — Presentation Night at Newcastle Workers' Club.

20th November, 1979 — Supporters' Club Annual General Meeting.

2nd December, 1979 — Christmas Picnic at Speers Point Park.

First Tuesday of September, 1979 — General Meeting.

Some supporters' have been concerned about the bookings for bus trips.

Now I am going to quote from the Committee Meeting Minutes regarding the resolution of this matter:—

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I hope this will clear all confusion.

The \$200.00 Golden-Goal winners for the Heidelberg game were:—

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Mr. Lesniak - Mayfield.

Congratulations to the winners and we hope that they will support us for a long time.

Don't forget, the jackpot prize is \$200.00 today for the Golden-Goal.

The Cup semi-final wasn't disappointing for everyone. That 'fateful' Sunday brought a bit of extra colour into the life of Mrs. Griffiths who won the Philips colour T.V. set with ticket number 4628.

Congratulations to Mrs. Griffiths — now you can see the replay of United's games in Philip's colour.

It was delightful to see little Marie Seath, who was dressed in United's colours from top to bottom on Saturday morning. She stood alongside the highway at Blacksmiths and waved a flag to the buses which were on their way to Canberra. She was a pretty sight and really warmed the heart of all the supporters on the buses.



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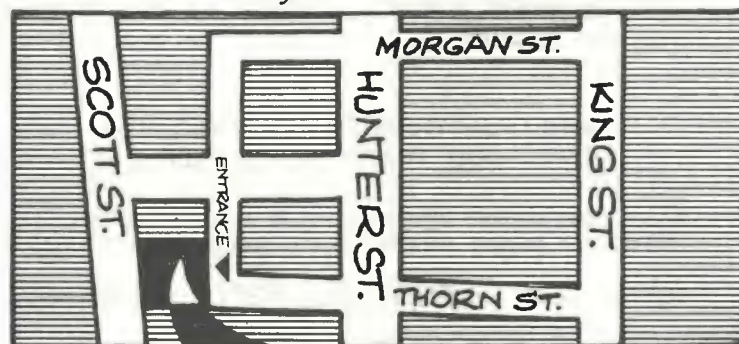
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## GOLDEN GOAL WINNER

Official results for the Golden Goal Award are —

**May:** Award not made.

**June-July:** Bill Summerscales for his goal in the match against St George — a goal credited by many to Col Curran.

None of the supporters nominated the Golden Goal for the months of June-July.

The Golden Goal for today's match jackpots to \$200. This is because the official result of the Philips Cup semi-final on Sunday, August 12, was a scoreless draw.

The rules of the competition specifically prescribe that "the taking of kicks from the penalty mark shall not be considered part of the match in the circumstance of determining which team should proceed to a later stage of a knock-out competition."

## BEFORE THE BIG MATCH

The Caves Beach Primary School Band will present a recital before the main match today.

The band, comprised of 40 children, recently won the NSW Primary Schools Championship and has been widely acclaimed as a topline musical unit, playing a great variety of numbers, ranging from classical to popular tunes.

## THE CURTAIN-RAISERS

The first of the early matches today, to begin at 11.45am, is a replay of the Under 10 premiership grand final and is between the Wallsend and Garden Suburb teams.

The second match, to start at 12.45pm, will be between Weston and Wallsend teams in the Under 16 competition.

## LUCKY SUPPORTER

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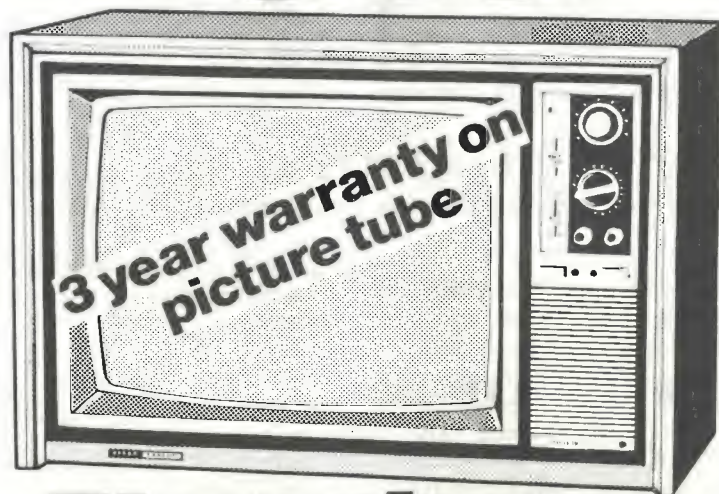
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By Jack Mathews

The economic depression of the 1930's heavily hit Soccer — particularly in the North.

The State League, which had made such a brave start when it gained control of the code in N.S.W. following a club revolt sparked by the four coalfields clubs — Aberdare, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Weston — in 1927-28 against the autocratic, arrogant N.S.W. Soccer Association, faced grave difficulties before the start of the 1931 season.

Clubs had overreached themselves financially in signing top players, it being a seller's market with clubs going to the limit to build match-winning teams and not giving a thought to the future.

When the depression hit, clubs could not meet the cost of travel between the South and the North so that there was no option but to introduce a 10-team competition in each centre.

This meant that two more clubs were admitted to the State League membership in each region.

The Newcastle Association premiership winner, Speers Point, and the long established West Wallsend joined the eight clubs in the North.

Two South Coast clubs, Balgownie and Thirroul, were admitted to membership in the South.

It was decided that the winners in each division would meet to decide the State premiership.

Weston was top team in the North and Leichhardt-Annandale in the South.

In the final, played at Jubilee Oval, Glebe, Weston won its first premiership by four goals to two.

West Wallsend won the State Cup, defeating Woonona, three goals to nil, in the final.

Cessnock Club refused to field a team in a Cup semi-final against West Wallsend after a dispute about the ground for the match. In the other semi-final, Woonona defeated Wallsend, three goals to one, after a three-all draw.

Although Sydney clubs had lured many of the North's top players from their clubs with the offer of regular employment, the North was still supreme. Five of the last eight teams in the State Cup were from the North and, in the annual North-South match, played in Sydney on Anzac Day, the North won, six goals to two.

The North's team in that match was: W. Morgan (Adamstown); J. B. ('Digger') Evans (Cessnock); J. Parkes (Wallsend); C. Thompson (Weston); C. Coutts (West Wallsend); W. Collahan (West Wallsend); H. Pringle (Kurri Kurri); C. James (West Wallsend); A. Quill (Wallsend); J. Mannion (Weston); J. Drinkwater (Aberdare).

The premierships in 1932 and 1933 were continued on the two division basis.

With Alf ('Artie') Quill leading its attack, Wallsend easily won the Northern premiership in 1932 and defeated Concord, the Southern premier, nine goals to one, in a replayed final after a two-all draw.

In the State Cup final, Weston defeated Adamstown, eight goals to one, at the Crystal Palace, Wallsend. That was the last occasion that a special train drew into the Wallsend platform, it having been chartered by the Weston Club.

Wallsend again won the Northern premiership in 1933, finishing a point in front of West Wallsend.

The State Cup went South for the first time in 1933. The finalists were Cessnock and St George. The teams played a three-all draw at Wallsend and St George won the replay, four goals to three, after Cessnock had led, three-two, before having a player, who queried the referee's decision, sent from the field.

In the North-South return match at Wallsend, the North won by six goals to two, Quill scoring four times.

The North's team was: W. Morgan; J. B. Evans; J. Parkes; C. O'Connor (Adamstown); J. Kemp (Weston); J. Osborne (Wallsend); H. ('Bunny') Muir (West Wallsend); A. Cameron

(Adamstown); A. Quill; J. Mannion; L. Brown (West Wallsend).

The first of the inter-district matches in the next season was played at Gladesville and ended in a scoreless draw. The North's team in that fixture was: W. Morgan; E. Hodge (Cessnock); J. Parkes; T. Shakespeare (Weston); C. O'Connor; J. Osborne; H. Muir; A. Cameron; P. Johns (Cessnock); W. Price (Kurri Kurri); V. Barnett (Kurri Kurri).

A return match was played at Kurri Kurri to mark the opening of Gould Park. The Northern selectors made a number changes to the side which was — W. Morgan; E. Hodge; J. Parkes; C. O'Connor; J. Taylor (Cessnock); J. Osborne; H. Muir; J. Mannion; J. Williams (Weston); W. Price; J. Drinkwater (Aberdare). The North won, five goals to two. Jackie Mannion scored three of the North's goals.

There was considerable discontent among clubs as the 1934 season approached. It was decided that there should be a new form of control. This was another revolt by clubs and costly to the game coming at the time that it did. It was claimed that club control had meant inefficiency.

It was decided that there should be a directorate of seven — President, Secretary, Treasurer and a councillor from each of the South Maitland, Newcastle, Sydney and South Coast districts.

The directors took control in March. Bill Beaney, who had done so much to bring the State League into being, retired as Secretary and became President of the Board. Sid Stone was elected Treasurer and the code's first full-time and paid Secretary was appointed. He was Mr Wal Rushton, a former Wallsend Club player and official. The directors elected were: — Newcastle: Mr Sid Grant; Sydney: Mr Harold Reid; South Maitland: Mr Tom Crawford; South Coast: Mr J. Malloy.

The four South Coast teams were combined into two, Woonona-Bulli and Balgownie-Corrimal. The Speers Point Club was dropped from the Northern division and replaced by Waratah-Mayfield.

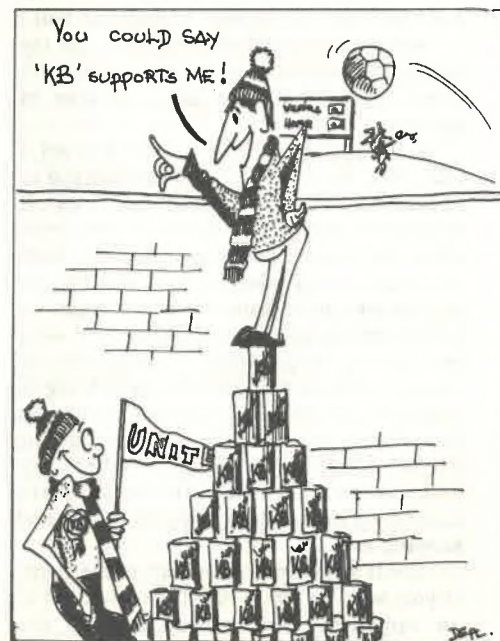
The inter-city competition was resumed and was won by Adamstown with 47 competition points — one more than gained

by Metters. Other points gained were — Granville 44, Waratah-Mayfield 35, Weston 33, West Wallsend 32, Gladesville-Ryde 30, St George 28, Kurri Kurri 28, Cessnock 27, Balgownie-Corrimal 26, Wallsend 24, Aberdare 22, Leichhardt-Annandale 15, Woonona-Bulli 11, Canterbury 8.

Weston won the State Cup by defeating Adamstown, five goals to one, at Wallsend. The Weston team was: J. McNabb; J. Drinkwater; T. Harris; T. Shakespeare; J. McCroarey; E. Kemp; A. Teece; J. Wilkinson; J. Williams; J. Kemp; A. Perris.

Adamstown's team was: W. Morgan; E. Hodge; A. Henwood; C. O'Connor; J. Harden; D. Williams; W. Cooper; A. Cameron; W. Myers; S. Clarke; A. Mascord.

The South defeated the North, six goals to one, in the annual match at Arlington Oval, the North's team being: J. McNabb (Weston); J. Wallace (Waratah-Mayfield); J. Parkes (Wallsend); C. O'Connor (Adamstown); J. Taylor (Cessnock); W. Coolahan (West Wallsend); H. ('Gina') Pringle (Wallsend); A. Cameron (Adamstown); H. Orr (Aberdare); J. Hughes (West Wallsend); V. Barnett (Kurri Kurri).





## SUFFERING SOCCER TASH

Soccer is a game for twenty-odd players, two officials with signal corps training and one retired policeman complete with whistle, notebook and biro. He also carries a coin. In addition there are six small boys in tracksuits and about forty thousand drunks undeterred by half the state police.

The game is played on a marked rectangular field with 'goals' at each end. The goals consist of crossbars held up by two poles (as in wooden posts, not Ukrainians). There is a shallow swamp in front of each goal and another larger one in the middle of the field. They are put there to make the game more difficult. The players and officials assemble on the field while the drunks and the police stand round the edges. The drunks read the programme and then yell out so the referee will know when to start the game. He does this by blowing his whistle.

Immediately the drunks scream louder; the players chase after the ball and the man under each crossbar leaps about in anticipation. He is called the goal keeper. It is his job to look desolated when the ball gets past him and to blame all the people of his own team who happen to be within earshot. This is obviously unfair because he is the only man who is allowed to grab the ball.

When a player is lucky enough to get the ball he sometimes loses it to an opponent. When this happens he has a number of options:—

a. he can cry or b. chase after it to get it back or c. lie on the ground and pretend to be unconscious or fake a fractured femur. If he chooses alternative (c) the referee may allow the trainer to run onto the field. Both unconsciousness and broken femurs are treated with cold water. The cure is always completed by getting the player to walk a few halting steps while learning on the trainer. A player may also choose to bring an opponent into disrepute with half the drunks by suddenly falling to the ground mouthing various unprintable insults. When this happens the other half of the drunks make loud suggestions about digging a hole and burying him.

Sex is a very important part of the game. If you want to really ruin the reputation of an opponent you pretend that he has

damaged your sexual equipment. You must also kiss and cuddle your team mate every time he scores a goal. The referee is often compared with a female sex organ by both sections of the crowd. It is often loudly alleged that he was born out of wedlock.

When a goal is scored and while the kissing and cuddling is still going on the opposing players plead with the referee to disallow the goal on various imaginary grounds. the most popular of these is 'offside' meaning the scorer can run faster than they can.

The referee's main job is a public relations one. Casual visitors to the ground must not get the impression that soccer players prefer another sport. So he particularly frowns on players who become involved in boxing, wrestling (both free-style and all-in variants), informal debate (particularly with the referee himself), mud throwing and amateur dramatics. These are all pursuits that soccer players seem to want to pursue while they are out on the marked field. In extreme circumstances the referee may write a player's name in his notebook. Presumably this is a note to recommend him to various entrepreneurs involved in those other sports mentioned above. On very odd occasions he apparently decides to send the player straight to the entrepreneur before the game has finished. When this happens half the drunks cheer and the other half scream abuse at the referee. At this time the abusive ones are inclined to make very explicit comments about his resemblance to certain sexual equipment.

In this sport the spectators are active participants. They yell, scream, fight, run round the field, yell, scream, fight, sway and whistle when they deem it fitting that the referee should.

At the end of the recreation the drunks leave first. They go straight to the shops where they loot and pillage sometimes even maiming themselves or the local police in the process. The players leave next through a side entrance. Later still the referee and his helpers leave under a shower of stones while those of the local police who are still uninjured do their best to protect them from the angry drunks.

This is the game of soccer.

## TRED LIGHTLY

### IRONNIES

RONNY B: An Irish referee who allowed a match to go fifteen minutes into extra time later explained that he had played a quarter of an hour injury time before anyone got hurt.

RONNIE C: Malcolm MacDonald told a group of reporters that his biggest thrills in life came from getting to a square ball and going for a powerful drive. One newspaper gave his hobbies as ballroom dancing and fast cars.

RONNY B: A judge today discharged an Irish footballer accused of stealing groceries from shoppers' trolleys when it was discovered he had taken all the goods BEFORE he reached the check-out.

RONNIE C: A squad of girl soccer players preparing to tour America played a team from Fivedock and lost five nothing and then Seven Hills to whom they lost seven nothing. Their manager announced later they would not be playing Virginia.

RONNY B: Meanwhile a team of art students went to Parramatta and drew.

### DAFFYNITIONS

FULL TIME WHISTLE: A referee who blows for absolutely everything.

UPRIGHT: What the keeper isn't expected to be when a spot kick goes close to it.

NET: What the goalie fishes out of when he is a bad angler.

CENTRE CIRCLE: The small clique that has all the say.

SKIPPER: It's just the way he comes into the dressing room after a win.

### RIVALRY

A quick-thinking Celtic player borrowed an umbrella, jumped into the bear pit at the zoo and drove off a bear which was molesting its keeper. The headlines that evening read: CELTIC MAN HERO OF KEEPER'S RESCUE. But the following morning a pro-Rangers reporter wrote a story under this heading: VANDAL BRUTALLY ATTACKS CHILDREN'S PET.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME

Bev pulled into a service station. Thinking the attendant looked familiar she asked him, "Are you a Tredinnick?"

To her surprise he seemed annoyed and said, "I wouldn't have a clue what a tredinnick is and, anyway, my political beliefs are my own affair."

There's real flavour about names like Summerscales, Drinkwater, Dando, Senkalski and Bertogna. Specially Bertogna (pronounced Bert-own-ya).

*What on earth's a bertonia?  
Is it a type of bigonia,  
Some breed of pigeon,  
A way-out religion?  
I'll look it up and I'll phonia.*

### MANDYISMS

*Mandy hasn't been to many matches. This is how she saw the first minute of her initial game.*

The man in black went out to where the straight line runs through the big ring. As soon as he blew his whistle number ten in the gold shirt gave the ball a really weak little kick that only went about a metre.

He must have been disappointed with this kick because he started to run towards the grandstand. I was sure he wasn't going to play any more but number nine kicked the ball to him and he apparently decided to keep playing. He gave the ball a lot of little kicks as he ran after it. Two blue players went after him.

Number ten decided he didn't want the ball anymore and tried to kick it to a man in a yellow jumper. It was the best kick he had done so far but it didn't go straight and the man in the yellow jumper only just got a hand to it. It nearly went between the bits of wood.

All the blue players ran up and patted the yellow jumper so he must have been on their side. I suppose the club couldn't afford to buy him a blue shirt like the others.

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The goalkeeper was having an absolute horror of a season. Everything that could go wrong did. When he left his line his opponent chipped the ball over his head or took it round him and scored. When he stayed on his line things were even worse. Nothing went right. Finally he got so depressed he decided to do away with himself. After his worst game ever he walked out of the gate and threw himself in front of a double decker bus. It went under him.

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There was the other keeper who had a nightmare of a game. He was sitting in the dressing room after the match, utterly depressed, his head in his hands . . . and he dropped it.

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Some teams can be very physical. After one very hard match a forward was counting his injuries.

"You know," he said to the coach, "I hadn't thought about it before but, when you come up against animals like that, you understand why they have a trainer and a keeper."



The Directors of Newcastle United Soccer Club were saddened to learn of the recent death of Mrs Irene Margaret Booth, wife of the club's respected patron, Mr Ken Booth, M.L.A. She will be missed both as a friend and as an avid supporter of the club.

The club extends its deepest sympathy to her husband and family. It is aware that it speaks on behalf of the many supporters who shared with Mrs Booth the enjoyment of watching United.



Jim Hermiston is one of the finest footballers ever to come to this country. Unfortunately for Rudi Gutendorf and Australia Jim is ineligible to play for this country. He has already played for Scotland.

## ALAN VEST KNEW THE SCORE!

Much ill-informed and wide-of-the-mark comment followed the Newcastle KB United—St George Philips Cup semi-final recently.

It centred on the taking of the penalty kicks by KB United players when they were needed to decide which of the teams would go into the final.

One heard many times that the KB United method was much too haphazard because Alan Vest, the team's manager-coach, had not instructed any of his players to take the kicks, as did the St George team coach.

That comment was completely wrong and did little credit to Vest's marked ability in handling his team. It also did not take into account the fact that Vest is completely professional in his duties and his outlook. He strives to leave nothing to chance. He did not on this occasion.

It was claimed by many, quite wrongly of course, that Vest had called for volunteers when it became necessary for the kicks to be taken instead of selecting them.

The simple fact is that Vest had planned for just such a situation long before it eventuated.

He did not, it is true, instruct any player to take a kick. None knows better than he that it is futile to tell a player to take a penalty shot unless that player is fully confident of his ability to do so.

Vest had much earlier sought those who filled that bill and agreed that they should take a kick should it be necessary. He even replaced a player with one willing and able when it became obvious that the match would be drawn.

Vest was correct in his approach to the position and was far from being the villain of the piece so many tried to make him. As emphasised earlier, he is much too professional to do anything relating to his team in a haphazard way.

— Jack Mathews

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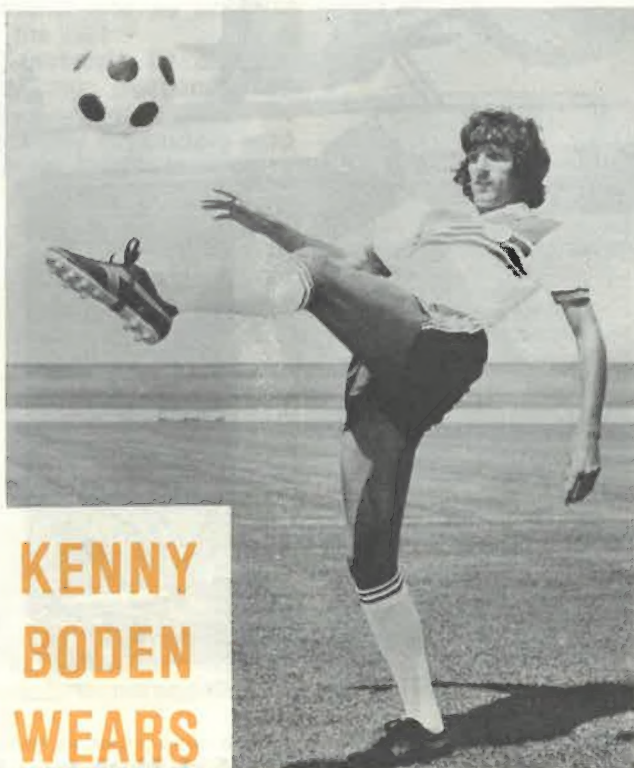
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